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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
PETER C. SALMON

Application No. 10/783,921

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For: Imprinting Tools and Method for Printed  
Circuit Boards and Assemblies

Art Unit: 2854

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Election / Restriction Requirement under 35 USC §121 dated July 1, 2005 for the subject patent application.

The Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single invention identified by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the application into the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-12 and 14-18, drawn to an embossing tool or apparatus, classified in 101, subclass 3.1;
- Group II: Claims 13, 19, 20 and 24, drawn to a method for fabricating an embossing tool, classified in class 29, subclass 825; and
- Group III: Claims 21-23, drawn to a method for preventing compaction or distortion of an imprinting material, classified in class 101, subclass 483.

Applicant hereby elects Group I: Claims 1-12 and 14-18 for further prosecution, without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the remaining non-elected claims in one or more subsequent divisional applications.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below if any matter can be solved by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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